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WILL LESSEN THE COTTON OUTPUT

Mr. Moore, President of North Carolina Cotton Association.

In the City.

HE IS TOURING FOR FUNDS

Will Send Lecturers in Field in Interest of Southern Association of Planters.

Mr. C. C. Moore, president of the North Carolina Association, is in the city on business connected with cotton growing and other agricultural interests of the South. Mr. Moore is on a tour to raise funds from the principal business interests of Virginia and North Carolina which shall go into a general fund for the employment of lecturers to go through the countryside in the interest of the association.

The Southern States Cotton Association, of which the North Carolina Association is a branch, was formed twelve months ago in the interest of Southern planters and all connected with the cotton industry, whether growers or spinners, producers or consumers. Its object is the protection of the cotton industry, to afford the farmer a better and firmer market and to keep prices on a level with the work and needs of the farmers. Since its establishment the association has been of material help. It has given the planters a fair market for their products and has raised the price of cotton from seven cents to ten cents. It furnished the means for the exposure of the recent scandals in Washington connected with the leakage of cotton reports. Its first edict to the planters was to hold the cotton supply back until such time as they would be offered a fair price, and in this way the general prices were raised and the whole cotton community benefited.

The North Carolina Cotton Association is now attempting to lessen the cotton planting acreage, so as to prevent the market from being glutted with the product, and thus maintain the prices at a fair and paying level. In consequence of this decision it is advising the planting of oats and other crops, or the diversification system of cultivation, to prevent the entire farming interest of the South from being given to the cultivation of cotton and thus flooding the market and lessening the prices of this world necessity. In order to accomplish this end, the association will send lecturers into the field, call farmers' meetings and talk to them on the advisability of this method and point out to them the benefits so accruing.

Mr. Moore, who is a large planter himself and who has made an extensive and successful career in the cotton business of the South, was unanimously elected president of his State association, and is sending his efforts towards its development. He has already met with a success in the raising of contributions for this lecturing fund that has not yet known a single failure. He points out that Richmond is one of the greatest supply centers for the South, and that the city for that reason is largely interested in its material development. A large quantity of farming implements, seeds and other agricultural supplies are drawn from Richmond, and the city can hardly, it is shown, be independent of Southern agricultural development. Mr. Moore will remain in this city for three days, and will canvass all the principal business interests located here. From Richmond he will proceed to Lynchburg, Danville, Norfolk, Petersburg and other cities of the South.

Next Tuesday the executive committee of the Southern States Cotton Association, of which Mr. Moore is a member, meets in New Orleans to arrange further plans for its welfare and development and growth, and Mr. Moore will proceed there. The association itself, which comprises some of the most prominent men

NEWS GATHERED FROM THE COURTS

Special Committee Says "Carelessness" Existed in Collector's Office.

BOOKS ARE IN GOOD SHAPE

Street Committee Met and

Granted Postal's Request.

Personals.

Manchester Bureau Times-Dispatch, No. 102 Hull Street.

The special investigating committee, composed of three members from the City Assembly and two from the Board of Aldermen, appointed to inquire into the bookkeeping system in the office of City Collector H. K. Reid, met last night, and after hearing from Mr. Reid, going over the books and looking at the garnishments that had been erroneously issued against certain persons in the city and further hearing from Expert Accountant J. J. Sutton, as to the system in vogue in the office, returned a report that Mr. Reid had been very careless in issuing the garnishments against persons who owed the city or State nothing, but that in their opinion the errors were not intentional.

The committee, composed of Messrs. C. C. Jones (chairman), D. L. Toney and C. L. Pettit, from the Assembly, and Messrs. A. R. Hooker and John W. Moore, from the Board, was in session for about two hours and went into the matter thoroughly. The session was held in the collector's office, and Mr. Reid was given an opportunity to explain in detail all of the errors that had been made and those that had been charged that he made.

Mr. Richardson, chairman of the J. R. Johnson fund, the officials of which, protesting against the system of bookkeeping whereby their employees were garnished for taxes for which they were not responsible, and the appointment of the special committee, was present and laid before the members what information he had.

At the session in the collector's office the members adjourned to the Council chamber, where, in executive session, the following resolution was passed and will be forwarded to the Assembly next Friday night:

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Mr. L. B. Rush, of No. 1717 Buchanan Street, is very ill at her home.

JOHNSON CASE ARGUED.

Opinion Will Be Handed Down In About Two Weeks.

The Supreme Court of Appeals heard argued on yesterday the case of Johnson vs. the Commonwealth.

The attorney-general appeared for the Commonwealth and Edgar B. English, Esq., for the plaintiff, each speaking about an hour.

Johnson is a negro who was tried for criminal assault and convicted in the Henrico court. He was sentenced to be hanged, but his counsel carried the case to the Court of Appeals.

It is thought that an opinion will be handed down in two weeks.

STREET WORK.

Johnson vs. Commonwealth, argued by John L. Lightfoot, Jr., for the Commonwealth, C. C. Berkeley for the plaintiff in error and continued.

Next cases to be called:

Harding vs. Commonwealth and the Norfolk and Western Railway Company vs. the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company, being No. 5 on the Commonwealth docket, and No. 1 on the Corporation Commission docket.

INVITED TO MUSEUM.

Special Arrangements Made For Teachers and Their Classes.

The trustees of the Valentine Museum have sent out invitations to all the school teachers in the city to visit the museum with their classes, as has been the custom for the past four years.

This invitation allows the teachers to go with their classes and visit the museum free of charge, any day during the week they may select, between the hours of 10 A. M. and 5 P. M., provided they notify the secretary in advance.

The invitation is not only good for their visit, but is good as often as they may care to go during the year.

The museum is doing a fine educational work. When classes make visits they are taken through the building and an explanatory lecture given. Any student in or near Richmond or Manchester may secure free access to the museum and enjoy all of the advantages it offers.

Teachers may have also adequate facilities for work in the building. Only the necessary materials have to be taken there. More than sixty art students availed themselves of the advantages of the museum last year.

CHARGED WITH ASSAULT.

William Patterson, Henrico Man, Now on Trial.

The case of William W. Patterson, the young white man charged with attempted criminal assault upon Miss Cora Crittenden, which began in Henrico Circuit Court yesterday morning, will continue for several days. Miss Crittenden was taken to the hospital after the assault, and underwent a rigid cross-examination from Mr. Harry Smith, counsel for the defendant. She bore the ordeal well, and made an excellent witness for the Commonwealth.

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den of prisons. (Referred to the Committee on Police, Election and Schools.)

7th. The Mayor urges the absolute repeal of every ordinance which has reference to special assessments for improvements in the nature of sidewalks. (Referred to the Finance Committee.)

8th. The Mayor expresses the hope that the Council will proceed at once to compel the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway to cover over or fill up the railway cut "which stands in the way" of the extension of Grace Street between Thirtieth and Thirty-first Streets. (Referred to the Committee on Streets.)

Some Discussion.

Mr. Minor thanked the Mayor for his recommendations and moved that the various paragraphs be referred to the committees above indicated and that 200 copies of the message be printed.

Mr. Blair favored the motion to refer, but said most of the recommendations made by the Mayor were now being considered by the committees and he objected to the Mayor claiming or getting all the credit for originating the same. Other members expressed similar views. The motion to refer and print was adopted.

Various committees made regular reports which were properly referred.

The Committee on Charter, Ordinances and Reform reported the National Bank from the erection of fire escapes. This report caused considerable discussion, and was finally passed by a vote of 19 to 5. This action finally ends the matter.

An ordinance increasing the pay of the elevator men in the City Hall was referred to the Finance Committee.

An ordinance to require all people living on lots convenient to sewers and water pipes to connect with the same was, after lengthy discussion, adopted.

Concurrent Business.

The Board concurred in a number of ordinances and resolutions sent from and previously passed by the Common Council, among them one to change the name of Walnut Street to Allen Avenue; that the report of Superintendent Knowles, of the gas works, in reply to Expert Bruce, be printed; that the city attorney be required to inquire into and report upon the condemnation of property necessary to widen Franklin Street from Allison Street to the Boulevard; that a joint special committee be appointed to act in conjunction with the city attorney and go before the Legislature to have certain amendments to the city charter enacted into law.

The committee to act in conjunction with a committee from the Manchester committee to have passed by the Legislature a law allowing cities to consolidate, under which Richmond and Manchester may consolidate on terms to be agreed upon; the resolution in regard to the health conditions of Richmond, presented at the last meeting of the Common Council by Dr. Williams and passed by that body.

Among the reports from the departments submitted to the Board was an elaborate one from the Board of Fire Commissioners, which, among other things, says:

"The loss has been small indeed, and there has been no loss of life among the members of the department from accidents due to fires, and, in fact, there has been none since the organization of the department, under the board, notwithstanding they have performed every period of service required. The personnel of the force is of the highest grade. They have always received from your honorable bodies the kindest praise and encouragement, and it is appreciated. The work that they do in their own city, and in the county contiguous to the city, is done with alacrity and without murmur, and it is a source of deep concern to the Board of Fire Commissioners to know what to do with these faithful servants when they become incapacitated. One faithful engineer, after forty years in the service, past three score and ten, dropped from the ranks, by the side of his bed, only to be carried to his cot to breathe his last. There are many others, and all they have to depend on is the bounty of the grateful tax-payers who contribute to their small endowment. It does seem that some plan might be devised by which these faithful subjects could be pensioned in their declining years."

Money For State Fair

Mr. Dabney submitted the following, which was referred to the Finance Committee:

Whereas, it is contemplated to hold a State Fair, which shall include exhibits of the mineral, farming and forestry resources, and progress in mining, farming and manufacturing, in the city of Richmond, and for the purpose of educating our people regarding the progress of our city and State, thereby providing an opportunity to place Richmond before our State and country as she merits; therefore, be it—

Resolved, by the Board of Aldermen of the city of Richmond, the Common Council concurring:

1. That the Committee on Finance is hereby instructed to include in the budget for 1906 an appropriation of \$25,000, to be placed to the credit of the Virginia State Fair Association, to be used for the purpose of purchasing a suitable site for the location of such an enterprise.

2. That this appropriation shall be available only when the said Virginia State Fair Association has provided the sum of not less than \$50,000, in bona-fide money, to be used solely and expressly for conducting and maintaining a State Fair, to be held in the city of Richmond.

Mr. Satterfield offered a resolution, which was passed, ordering the printing of 500 copies of the report of Expert Crawford on the subject of the establishment of an electric light plant by the city.

Mr. Turpin (Mr. Gunst in the chair) read the resignation of Alderman W. H. Zimmerman, of Madison Ward. The reason given for the resignation was his removal from the ward, in making the acceptance of the resignation, Mr. Turpin

RECEPTION AT SEMINARY.

Miss Moore Entertains In Honor of Miss Bird, of Baltimore.

The monthly of student routine at Union Theological Seminary was broken yesterday afternoon in a most delightful manner by one of those occasional social features which add so much to the life of the Seminary community. The scene was the attractive home of President Moore, and guest, Miss Little Bird, of Baltimore, sister of Rev. Andrew B. Bird, of Laurel, Md., a graduate of the Seminary with the class of 1905.

The elegant halls and parlors of the home of the hostess were tastefully decorated in evergreen and cut flowers. Practically all of the one hundred invitations for the afternoon were accepted, the young ladies present being for the most part friends of Miss Moore from the city, including quite a number of Richmond's charming debutantes. All of the young men were from the Seminary student body.

Miss Bird, the guest of honor, and Miss Moore, her hostess, received in a most charming manner. They were assisted by Dr. and Mrs. Moore. Others who assisted materially in looking after the comfort and pleasure of those present were Miss Herman and Miss Moore, her daughter, and the student service of the Seminary. The evening was most enjoyable, and the guests were most cordially entertained.

This was Miss Bird's second visit to the Seminary community, she having been the guest of her brother there in May last. Many of the most prominent friends of the Seminary were present, and the evening was most enjoyable, and the guests were most cordially entertained.

MAKE PRESENTATION.

Officer Robinson Recognized For Long and Faithful Service.

Company A, Richmond Light Infantry Blues, held its regular weekly drill last night. Over fifty members were present.

Presented to Quartermaster Sergeant W. B. Robinson in recognition of his efficient and faithful service during the past year, was a presentation of a sword, which was presented by Captain E. W. Bowles, who spoke in the very highest terms of the ability, courage and the efficient service of Sergeant Robinson. In accepting the present Robinson made a very happy response, and was applauded to the echo.

The presentation of the sword was a most interesting feature of the evening, which was presided over by Lieutenant E. S. Hazen.

ANNUAL SESSION.

Virginia Intercollegiate Athletic Association Soon to Meet.

The annual meeting of the Virginia Intercollegiate Athletic Association will be held in Lynchburg, Hotel Carroll, on January 18th, at 4 o'clock in the afternoon. The colleges competing in the association are Washington and Lee University, Virginia Military Institute, Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Washington College, and Mary Washington College. The officers are: J. H. Gibbons, president; W. L. Foushee, secretary and treasurer.

INSPECTION AND DRILL.

Outlook In Military Circles Very Encouraging.

The regular battalion inspection of the Seventeenth Virginia Regiment was held last night in the barracks of the regiment. The inspection was made by the adjutant, and the outlook was very encouraging. The regiment was very well equipped, and the officers and men were very well drilled.

It is expected that the filing of the various reports by the regulation of two of the officers will take place next week or soon after. The battalion will soon begin to prepare itself for the coming year, and the officers and men are very well drilled.

Richmond College to Enter.

At a meeting of the Athletic Association of Richmond, held yesterday, many matters of importance were transacted. It was decided to enter the list in the intercollegiate athletic association, which was elected captain, Dr. W. L. Foushee was elected the representative of this athletic association at the annual meeting of the Virginia Intercollegiate Athletic Association, which is to convene January 18th at Lynchburg.

Mr. Gathright Drops Dead.

Mr. Silas Gathright, a resident of lower Fulton, dropped dead on the street Monday night from an attack of heart trouble. Mr. Gathright is survived by his wife and several children.

Mrs. Martin's Luncheon.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.) WASHINGTON, D. C., January 9.—Mrs. Martin, wife of Senator Martin, entertained to-day at a luncheon, when her guests were: Mrs. Brewster, Madame Quessada, Mrs. Alden Smith, Mrs. J. R. Henderson, Mrs. Hutchison, Mrs. Timmons, Mrs. Hatch, Mrs. Hein, Mrs. Moore, Mrs. J. J. Humphill, Mrs. Moore, Mrs. J. W. Kearney, Mrs. Ridgely and Miss Grace Day.

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